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SUBJ: PEOPLES' TEMPLE PRESS RELEASE ON VISIT OF CODEL RYAN
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1. REPRODUCED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A PEOPLES' TEMPLE PRESS RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE VISIT OF CODEL RYAN. ALTHOUGH THE RELEASE IS DATED NOVEMBER 13, IT APPEARS THAT IT WAS NOT RELEASED UNITL NOVEMBER 15.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I STATEMENT: REGARDING VISIT OF VIST OF LEO RYAN AND MEMBERS OF "CONCERNED RELATIVIS"

CONCERNED RELATIVES, AN ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY FORMED TO SPEARHEAD ACTIVITIES AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE, HAS STEPPED UP ITS MALICIOUS, YEAR-
ROUND COMPAIGN OF LIES AND HARASSMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TEMPLE. THE GROUP HAS NOW ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF A CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN, LEO
RYAN (WHO STYPLES HIMSELF AS A "LIBERAL", BUT WHO VOTED FOR MILITARY AID
TO THE PINOCHET REGIME). MR. RYAN IS COMING TO GUYANA WITH THE EXPRES
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ED INTENTION OF "VISITING OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY OF JONESTOWN," OSTENSIBLY TO "INVESTIGATE" THE COMPLAINTS AND CHARGES MADE BY THE "CON-
CERNED RELATIVES" GROUP. 40 MEMBERS OF WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. ALSO PART OF THE ENTOURAGE WILL BE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, WHO HAVE ALSO TAKEN PART IN THE VENDETTA AGAINST JIM JONES. THE VISIT IS ACTUALLY A CONTRIVED "MEDIA EVENT." IT IS BEING STAGED FOR
THE PURPOSE OF MANUFACTURING ADVERSE PUBLICITY FOR THE JONESTOWN COMMUNITY, HOPEFULLY BY PROVOKING SOME SORT OF INCIDENT. THE SHAM INVESTIGATION IS ONLY THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF PLOTS ORCHESTRATED BY THE ANTI-TEMPLE FACTION, SOME OF WHOM HAVE THREATENED TO
HIRE MERCENARIES TO ILLEGALLY ENTER GUYANA AND INVADE JONESTOWN. IN SEPTEMBER, CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY MARK LANE AND AUTHOR DONALD FRDED VISITED JONESTOWN TO INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES"

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ABOUT JIM JONES AND PEOPLES TEMPLE. LANE AND FREED ARE FOUNDERS OF T
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CONCERNED RELATIVES IS NOW ACTUALLY KNOWN AS THE "HUMAN FRDEDOM CENTE
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CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, A NATION- WIDE ORGANIZATION IN THE UN
ITED
STATES THAT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN RE-OPENING INVESTIGATIONS OF THE
KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS. THEY FOUND ALL CHARGES OF THE "CONC
ERNED
RELATIVES" AGAINST JIM JONES AND THE PEOPLES TEMPE TO BE COMPLETELY F
ALSE,
AND REPORTED THEIR FINDINGS FULLY TO THE NEWS MEDIA AT PRESS CONFEREN
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HELD IN BOTH GEORGETOWN AND SAN FRANCISO. THEY ALSO CONCLUDED THAT T
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"CONCERNED RELATIVES" ARE PART OF A NATIONAL CONSPIRACY ULTIMATELY AI
MED
AT DESTROYING PEOPLES TEMPLE. THE CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, AS
MARK LANE REPORTED IN GEORGETOWN, IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A LAWSUIT TH
AT
WILL NAME SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, AND A
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FOR DAMAGES INTO THE SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTOWN ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ACTIVITIES AND THE
INTENTIONS
OF THE SO-CALLED "CONCERNED RELATIONS" GROUP. THEY HAD AGREED TO MEE
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WITH CONGRESSMAN RYAN IN JONESTOWN, BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITIONS THAT 1
) MR.
RYAN AND HIS STAFF WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER CONGRESSPERSONS MORE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THIRD WORLD CONCERNS (MR. RYAN'S CONSTITUENCY IS AL
L
WHITE AND WELL-TO-DO); 2) THAT MARK LANE OF THE CCI WOULD ALSO COME A
LONG;
3) THAT NO MEDIA AND MEMBERS OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES" WOULD PARTICIPA
TE.
THESE CONDITIONS WERE REFUSED BY CONGRESSMAN RYAN. MR. RYAN HAD ORIG
INALLY
PLANNED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY NOTORIOUSLY ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSM
AN
EDWARD DERWINSKI OF ILLINOIS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTO
WN HAVE
SIGNED A STATEMENT REFUSING TO SEE CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THOSE ACCOMPA
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HIM.
THE RESIDENTS OF JONESTOWN ARE ALSO PUTTING CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND HIS
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ON OFFICIAL NOTICE THAT THEY WILL BE REQUESTING GUYANA POLICE PROTECT
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IN THE EVENT THAT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO ENTER THE JONESTOWN COMMUNITY
AGAINST
THEIR WILL. SUCH ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST, AND ARE AGAIN
ANTICIPATED.
PURTHER, PEOPLES TEMPLE CHARGES THAT CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THE PERONS
TRAVELING WITH HIM (INCLUDING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES) ARE PLANNING
TO MISPORTRAY JONESTOWN. JONESTOWN IS BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATI
ON
A "CLOSED SOCIETY." ON THE CONTRARY, THE COMMUNITY WIS ES TO MAKE IT
CLEAR THAT ITS COLLECTIVE REFUSAL TO ENTERTAIN THE FALSE
FRONT GROUP OF "CONCERNED RELATIVES" (AND WHOWEVER THEY MAY USE TO AT
TEMPT
TO DIGNIFY THEIR LIES) IS WARRANTED BY THE INTENTIONS BEHIND THEIR
"VISIT," AND THEIR HISTORY OF SUBSTANTIAL AND MALICIOUS ANTI-TEMPLE
ACTIVITY. JONESTOWN HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OPEN COMMUNITY. LETERALLY
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING GUYANESE OFFICIALS, U.S. GOVERNMENT OFF
ICIALS,
PEOPLE FROM MANY NATIONS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF RESIDENTS, REPRESE
NTA-
TIVES OF THE PRESS (U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL), FILM COMPANIES, AND MANY
MORE, HAVE
VISITED JONESTOWN. SOME HAVE REMAINED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.
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HAVE RECOGNIZED AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY PRAISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
NOW MORE
THAN 1100 "PIONEERS" OF ALL RACES WHO HAVE BUILT A SOCIETY OF EQUIALI
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AND SHARING THAT HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY TERMED A "MODEL OF COOPERATION",
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"FIRST-RATE EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY LIFE", AND EVEN "A SOCIETY OF THE FU
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URE."
HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE WHO FOR PERSONAL OR POLITICAL REASONS SEEK T
O
SLANDER THIS COMMUNITY. PEOPLES TEMPLE REJECTS ANY CHARGES THAT ANY
RESIDENTS IN JONESTOWN ARE BEING, OR HAVE BEEN IN ANY WAY ABUSED, HEL
D IN
THEIR COMMUNITY AGAINST THEIR WILL, OR ARE IN GUYANA ILLEGALLY. WE A
RE
NOT AT ALL SURPRISED OR DISCOURAGED BY THESE AND OTHER LIES OR CO-ORD
INATED
EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE TO UNDERMINE THIS COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT S
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PRISING, EITHER, THAT SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE "DIGNIFIED" WITH THE NAME
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A U.S. POLITICIAN (AT SOME EXPENSE TO TAXPAYERS). WE NOTE THAT CONGR
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SMAN
RYAN IS AS BUSY COVERING UP INVESTIGATIONS AS MARK LAND AND DONALD FR
EED
ARE IN PURSUING THEM. MR. RYAN, FOR EXAMPLE, VOTED AGAINST THE REOPE
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OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
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WHICH THE CITIZENS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY HAS SHOWN WAS A CONSPIRACY E
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BY THE F.B.I.
WHEREVER THE EFFORTS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE TO TAKE CONTROL OVER THEIR OW
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LIEVS EMERGE, THEY WILL ENCOUNTER RUTHLESS OPPOSITION. PEOPLES TEMPL
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HOWEVER, IS CONIDENT THAT SUCH EFFORTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT TH
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ARE AND WILL NOT SUCCEED. END TEXT.
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